

The Intelligencer.

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Those train wreckers will keep it up until some of them get run over by the hangman.

Or course the Republicans will organize the Senate. If they don't the Senate will have to get along without being organized.

The story of the wholesale butchery that comes from Michigan is so terrible that it is almost beyond belief. This is one of the cases in which hanging is a mild punishment for murder.

The Bazar has earned the right to live another night, and the Governor's clemency in this matter will be endorsed by everybody who visits the Capitol on this night of its glory.

The Republicans in the House can not more worthily bestow their compliment than to vote for Judge Kelley for Speaker. He has served long and faithfully, and this may be his last term.

A Pennsylvania girl recovers \$500 for breach of promise. That may be the market price of a broken and a bleeding heart in Pennsylvania, but in West Virginia we don't deal in the lower grades.

It is a South Carolina, not a Virginia, editor whom His Holiness has knighted for denouncing the dual. The Virginia editors seek knight-hood at the awful pistol's mouth or at the point of the trenchant pen.

The writer of the letter from Weinman, describing with graceful simplicity an execution with the guillotine, is a gentleman well known to many readers of the INTELLIGENCER. More may be expected from the same pen.

"Wherever the Republicans may nominate," says the Cincinnati Enquirer, "the next President is to be a Democrat." In that case we may as well let the conventions and donate the cost of a campaign to completing the Washington monument.

PRESIDENT GOWEN, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, declines to be a candidate for re-election. He says that his services are no longer required. Gowen had a hard fight, but he comes out on top and leaves the company able to pay dividends.

EX-COLLECTOR THOMAS MURPHY, of New York, says that the great double re-nomination was the inspiration of Senator Platt, who had promised not to vote against the confirmation of Collector Robertson, who found himself in a fix, and who drew Senator Conkling into the scheme, presumably without making a clean breast of it. It is much more probable that Platt followed Conkling, who has never enjoyed following anybody.

The wool growers of Washington county, Pennsylvania, are very much in earnest in their demand for a wool tariff sufficient to protect. When they say that the U. S. on the year's clip in Washington county alone has been \$30,000, they make a statement to be rectified. Under a protective tariff the industry has grown to great proportions, and it is not good policy to interfere with its further progress.

MR. SAMUEL B. McCOLLUM, Clerk of the Circuit Courts, has now been missing for six days, and we are entering upon the seventh with no more knowledge of his fate than we had at the beginning. Time but deepens the mystery and adds to the painful suspense. The crime stands almost by itself in the history of mysterious disappearance.

There was a man living in the county of his birth, occupying an official position which kept him before the people, a genial man who kept old acquaintances and made new, in fact known personally to almost everybody in the county and to many people in the State and in the neighboring counties of Pennsylvania and Ohio. If this community had been asked to say who of all its people could not disappear and leave no trace of himself "Sam" McCollum might easily have been selected as that man. Yet in a twinkling he has dropped out of sight, as though the earth had taken him or the wind had taken him up and borne him to another planet. And this is the most mystifying phase of this sadly perplexing case.

There is nothing to suggest a trail; not a point on which to build a theory—not a clue. Laying aside Mr. McCollum's well-established character—nobody in this community would accuse him of converting public funds to his own use—he was not in a position to default. He is not known to have been engaged in speculation and is not believed to have been of that turn. If he had been, and loss had fallen on him, his buoyant disposition would have borne up under it. He was the last man to flee from misfortune. There is no room to believe that he was so much in anybody's debt that he would have been removed as the result of a cold-blooded plan. Few men had so great a popularity and so few enemies; indeed it is not known that he had any personal enemies. He was not a man who frequented low resorts, nor was he of a quarrelsome disposition.

Between nine and ten o'clock at night he was about to start for his home in the country; he was last seen walking in that direction; his way lay through a neighborhood where evil-disposed persons might have taken hold of him. Or, he might have been laboring under mental aberration which attracted no attention—a theory which time has almost if not entirely dispelled. It is suggested that Mr. McCollum was kidnapped in the hope of ransom. This, of course, is a possible speculation, but kidnappers do their work on business principles, and a man of large means would probably have been chosen.

The case is inexplicable as it is sad. It has stirred this community as it never was moved before. It is almost as though the missing man were gone from every home, as general and keen is the sympathetic interest. Everything has been done that could be done, and neither the search nor the hope is yet abandoned.

FRIGHTFUL BUTCHERY.

A WHOLE FAMILY BLOTTED OUT.

Near Jackson, Mich.—Four Persons Dead Sweltering in Their Gore—Robbery the Work of the Crime—How the Victims were Killed.

One Person Suspected of the Crime.

JACKSON, MICH., November 22.—This morning four persons, Jacob D. Crouch, aged 74, a widower; Henry White, aged 35, son-in-law of Crouch; Eunice White, aged 33, daughter of Crouch, all of Summit township, Jackson county, and Moses Polley, aged 20, of Transfer, Mercer county, Pa., were found murdered in their beds, all having been shot through the head behind the ear. It is supposed they were chloroformed first, as no signs of a struggle appeared. Each victim was lying as if asleep and the odor of chloroform was noticeable when the bodies were discovered.

Mrs. White was also shot through the left lung. No clue has as yet been discovered, although tracks around the house indicate a guard was placed while the murder was being perpetrated.

Crouch is a wealthy farmer, living seven miles south of Jackson, and owner of an extensive sheep ranch in Texas. It was rumored he had just received about \$50,000 from Texas in payment of sales made on the ranch. The bankers here gave no money was deposited by Crouch, and it is presumed the money was in Crouch's hands. Polley was stopping at Crouch's, having just come from Texas with a large sum of money for the purpose of buying blooded stock.

The theory is that Polley was followed from Texas by the murderer or murderers for the purpose of robbery. The murder was thoroughly ransacked, and everything of value carried off except a trunk left by a daughter of the Whites, and a negro, aged 18, were sleeping up stairs, say they heard no firing, although the negro says he heard a thumping noise about the middle of the night and thought it was caused by a fierce wind which was blowing from the north.

The murder was a week or ten days. The murder has caused intense excitement, and hundreds of people have flocked to the scene. The officers are very quiet on the subject, but hard at work trying to get a clue to work upon.

HOW THE VICTIMS WERE SHOT.

Crouch slept in an alcove opening into the sitting room near the front part of the house. His daughter and her husband occupied the front bedroom opening into another bedroom, opening also into the parlor. The remains of Polley were lying with his face to the wall and had a bullet hole in the left side of the head, the ball passing through the brain. Death was instantaneous. White was shot twice, the ball entering the right side of the neck three inches below the ear, severing an artery, the blood spurting from the neck, and the right eye. He was discovered lying on his back as if peacefully sleeping. His wife was shot five times and made a hard struggle for her life as judged by the position of her arms and legs, and the clothing.

Two balls at a distance of about ten feet from the right side, one through her left arm and one in the right breast into the lungs, one through the chin and neck and another in the left wrist. Polley was shot twice, one entering the opening of the right ear directed toward the brain, and the other through the chest from the right side. There was no indication of a struggle. The Sheriff believes the shots were fired by one person and one revolver, as the number of empty cartridges found on the floor show the same caliber and the evidence of a full and complete victory of the murderer.

The physicians claim none was used and the theory of one person doing the butchery and the testimony of the first neighbors at the scene, who declared that the chloroform was used, and the fact that the bodies were arrested and jailed to await the result of the coroner's inquest, which will be held tomorrow. Crouch was worth about \$25,000. His property is in Jackson county and sheep ranch in Texas. He leaves two sons and one daughter. A pocket-book containing \$100 and a certificate of deposit for \$500 were found on the window sill of White's room. An empty cartridge box of 32 caliber, was found in the negro boys' room.

VERY MUCH MIXED.

Two Wives of One Man and Two Husbands of One Woman.

WASHINGTON, November 22.—Last summer J. B. Barnard and Miss Blanche Barr, employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, took their annual leave of absence, and left Washington. Barnard was a married man and the father of several children, and had resided in this city for many years. Before his 30 days' leave had expired it was learned that he had gone away with Miss Barr, and that the two were living in St. Joseph, Mo., ostensibly man and wife. They were thereupon discharged from the Government service, and the matter passed out of the public mind after the usual amount of gossip among the department people.

Recently a letter was received here from St. Joseph, which conveyed the information that Barnard and Miss Barr asserted that they had been married in Philadelphia after leaving here, and that Barnard resided with whom he had lived for over 20 years, whom he had always acknowledged as his wife, and who was the mother of his children.

Yesterday Miss Barr, or Mrs. Barnard, as she claims to be, arrived in this city on a visit to her mother. She showed a certificate of her marriage to Barnard, signed by the Rev. Dr. Clark, a Methodist minister of Philadelphia, and witnessed by Mrs. and Miss Clark, and also a letter from Barnard acknowledging her as his wife, and stating that he was her husband for 20 years. She says she does not think the facts reflect any discredit on her and she proposes to have Barnard arrested if possible.

THE DANVILLE RIOT.

The Remarkable Report of the Bourbon Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C. November 22.—The Republican of to-day has the following: The committee of forty, which the citizens of Danville appointed to report upon the riot at that place, has finished its labors, after examining thirty-seven witnesses, and last night reported its conclusions. The committee, of course, was selected from the white men to whom, as they say in their report, the negroes had been "rude," and its extraordinary findings, which came by wire, are as follows:

1. That by their success in the election of a large majority of their party nominees to the town office in the May election of 1882, and the subsequent appointment by the council so elected of colored policemen, as well as by the conduct of officials so elected, a public and open insult was offered to the white citizens, and a belief, that, as against the white men, they would receive the support and protection of the municipal government, in consequence of which they became rude, indolent, and insolent to the white citizens, and the had temper and ill feeling between the races thus generated continued to increase and was of late greatly aggravated by the heated political canvass preceding the late election; and that in the midst of the intense excitement of the late day of the canvass, William E. Sims, the Coalition candidate of the Senate from Pittsylvania county and Danville, made, in front of the court house of the town, on the night of the second of November, a most inflammatory and violent speech, more than 500 negroes, in which he denounced many of the most respectable and prominent white citizens of the town as "liars, scoundrels and cowards," because of their exposure of the evils of "negro rule" in Danville.

2. That on the morning following the night of Sims' speech the excitement of blacks and whites alike was violent and acrimonious, and among the negroes there was an evident expectation of a conflict; that about midday two negroes insulted a white man on the public streets and engaged him in a fight, which was ended by the white man's going away, that at last, two hours later in the day, and while a large portion of the men of Danville were assembled at the opera house in a public meeting, and from that time on, the white man, when in a bugle and on his way out of town, was again loudly and repeatedly called on and insulted by one of the negroes with whom he had been previously fighting during the day, and he thereupon, in spite of his previous escape, pressed determined not to engage in further difficulty, because of the then public excitement, having called two friends to insure fair play, and assuring them he would use no weapon, engaged in a fist-fight with the street with the negro; that during the fight a large number of negroes gathered around, but were kept from interfering by the two friends of the white man until a policeman arrived, when the combatants were separated, and each was taken away from the street; 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